



*The Great Vigil  
of Easter*

*Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 p.m.*

*The procession continues until the Deacon arrives before the Altar, turning to face the people the Deacon sings,*

The light of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Other candles in the church are now lit, the Paschal candle is placed into its stand. Then is sung the Exultet.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is truly right that with full hearts ...

... Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead, and shed his peaceful light on all creation, your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

Lesson I Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18, 9:8-13

*The salvation of Noah and the promise to never again destroy the earth.*

Psalm 46



The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our strong-hold.

Lesson II Exodus 14:10-15:1

*The children of Israel pass through the Red Sea and become a nation.*

The Canticle of Moses

### Refrain



I will sing to the Lord for his glo - rious tri - umph.

Lesson III      Zephaniah 3:14-20

*God calls Israel to sing with joy.*

Psalm 98



*At this moment, the Easter Collect is announced by the musician. This moment, in which we mark Christ as rising from the dead for us, is a pivotal moment in the liturgy of the church. The music begins with fanfare - the church bell is rung to mark the rolling away of the stone from Christ's tomb. The lights are turned on and the hymn is sung.*

Hymn:              **This is the Feast**

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Collect of the Day

The Epistle              Romans 6:3-11

*Paul teaches about union with Christ's death and resurrection in Baptism.*

Gradual Psalm

Psalm 114 (to the tune CP 363)

1.      When Israel came, and Judah's house,  
         From Egypt's alien speech and ways,  
         Israel was his dominion then,  
         Judah became his holy place.
2.      The sea beheld these things and fled,  
         Jordan turned back, its bed was dry;  
         The lofty mountains skipped like rams,  
         The little hills like lambs leaped high.
3.      What ailed you, sea, that thus you fled?  
         Mountains, what made you skip like rams?  
         Jordan, what was it turned you back?  
         You hills, why did you leap like lambs?
4.      Now tremble at his presence, earth:  
         The God of Jacob, God alone;  
         Who turned hard rock into a pool,  
         Brought flowing streams from hard flintstone.

## **The Holy Gospel: Matthew 28: 1-10**

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*At the conclusion of the Gospel,*

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon: The Ven. Tanya Phibbs

Anthem: Christ the Lord Is Ris'n – Again – Anthony Foster

## **Presentation and Examination of the Candidates**

*The celebrant says,*

The candidate(s) for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*After all have been presented, the celebrant addresses the congregation, saying,*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *this person* in *their* life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

## **Prayers for the Candidates**

*The celebrant then says to the congregation,*

Let us now pray for *this person* who is to receive the sacrament of new birth.

*A person appointed leads the following litany.*

*Leader* Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open *his heart* to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill *him* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send *him* into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring *him* to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The leader concludes.*

### **The Celebration of Holy Baptism**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water...

... To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God,  
The Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

People: **I will with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

People: **I will with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

## **The Baptism**

### **The Giving of the Light**

*One of the ministers may then give the newly baptized a lighted candle, saying,*

Receive the light of Christ,  
to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

*Once the newly baptized have received candles, the people say,*

**Let your light so shine before others  
that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: **We receive you into the household of God.  
Confess the faith of Christ crucified,  
proclaim his resurrection,  
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory: **Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem**

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## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

### Eucharistic Prayer #3

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God...

...to proclaim the glory of your name.

*Sanctus and Benedictus*

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Celebrant: We give thanks to you, Lord our God...

...Therefore, Father, according to his command,

People: **we remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory.**

Celebrant: and we offer our sacrifice...

...now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

### Breaking of the Bread:

Celebrant: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

People: **Now we are raised to new life.**

Celebrant: We were buried in your tomb.

People: **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Celebrant: Live in us, that we may live in you.

## The Communion

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Angus Dei*

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*All Christians of any age are welcome to receive communion. Gluten-free wafers are available. You are invited to drink from the common cup. If you are uncomfortable drinking from the cup, you may pass by the chalice bearer or stop and touch the cup or bow your head briefly. Intinction (dipping the wafer in the wine) is not permitted. If you are not receiving communion but wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest and the priest will bless you.*

Communion Hymns: **Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing**

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## Prayer after Communion

### Doxology

Celebrant: Glory to God,

All: **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### Blessing

Recessional Hymn: **Yours Be the Glory**

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### Dismissal:

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord. Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude: Fantasia on a Theme of Handel – Alex Guilmant

